

Response regarding frequency of invasive plant monitoring:

The Conservancy has implemented an island-wide invasive plant treatment and monitoring program since 2003. It maintains and regularly updates the status of existing and new occurrences of invasive plants by rotating watershed-based surveys as well as ad hoc information reported by the numerous trail, invasive plant, wildlife, and vegetation monitoring field crews active throughout the island during a regular growing year. The Conservancy's Trail Manager and crews are trained in identification of invasive plants of most concern to the Conservancy's invasive plant program and manually remove plants as they are encountered or report larger occurrences to the Conservancy's invasive plant program manager.

Response regarding environmental education relating to spread of invasive plants:

As part of the trail project, the Conservancy will develop and distribute to its interior permittees an educational handout which includes information and actions, equivalent to the information summarized below from the National Park Channel Islands web page (<https://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/non-native-pests.htm>), to avoid the introduction of new invasive species into Catalina Island.¹

It will also develop and install at key visitor entry locations and campgrounds interpretive signage similar to the following examples:



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How You Can Help

If you plan to visit the Channel Islands, you probably care a great deal about protecting them from harm. Ironically, those who enjoy visiting the islands can also be responsible for spreading non-native, invasive species. You can help prevent the introduction and spread of these non-native plants and animals, which is far more effective than costly eradication programs.

- **Clean and Inspect Clothing, Gear, and Containers for Weeds and Other "Hitchhikers"**

Many weed seeds readily stick to clothing and camping gear. These seeds can later fall off and germinate, establishing new weed colonies. Weeds and other non-native organisms can hitch a ride in camping equipment, food containers and baggage. Visitors should clean and inspect their footwear, clothing, and gear (especially shoe treads and Velcro) for seeds and soil before boarding boats and moving between campsites and islands. Socks and cuffs of pants should be given particular attention. Sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and tents should be cleaned and inspected for soil, invertebrates, and seeds before leaving the mainland. If you are already on the island, please use the nearby boot brushes—simply run each foot through the brush several times to remove weed seeds and other "stowaways" caught in shoe treads and laces.

- **While Hiking**

Trails can be pathways for a lot more than just people. Weeds often spread along trails and then to adjacent uninfested areas. You can help prevent this from happening by always staying on designated trails, avoid weed-infested areas, and by not picking or transporting plants when hiking on the islands. Pack out all trash. Just because a bit of trash—apple cores, orange seeds, etc.—is organic, doesn't mean it can be left behind. Please be sure to pack out all trash. While most domestic fruit and vegetable species are not invasive, some can germinate and become pests.

Things To Know Before You Go

Welcome to Channel Islands National Park. The park was established to protect, preserve, and enhance our understanding of the islands' unique past and fragile resources. You can help ensure the protection of your park as well as a safe, enjoyable visit by following the information listed below. We hope you have a wonderful trip to your park.

Loading the Boat



No passenger boarding until after the boarding announcement.

Loading Camping Gear

- All camping gear must be pre-loaded in advance of the boarding announcement.
- No single items over 45 pounds.
- All gear bags will be stored below deck.
- All fuel and flammable liquids must be stored above-deck in a special fuel bin. See crew for fuel bin location.
- All clean and water resources must be stored above-deck.
- After loading, camping gear must remain in the staging area for the boarding announcement.

Loading Kayaking Gear

- All kayaks must be pre-loaded in advance of the boarding announcement.
- Bring kayaks down to dock area at the back of the boat.
- Kayaks should be empty of all gear, stored with a life-line bowline, and have a "Kayak Transport Tag" attached.
- Paddles, helmets, backpacks, and other gear must be stored separately.
- Please return to staging of the ramp for the boarding announcement.

Protect Your Park

Everyone who visits the national park plays an important role in safeguarding the island plants, animals, cultural sites, and structures. Help protect your park by taking a moment to read the information provided here and follow up with actions that protect the island's fragile resources. For additional information and regulations, please refer to the park newspaper or www.nps.gov/cin.

Everything is protected.

As in all national parks, do not feed, collect, disturb, or harm plants, wildlife, plant life, or other natural and cultural resources. Please contact us anytime about these activities and photographs.

Hike only on designated trails.

Hikes must stay on established trails on Anacapa, Santa Barbara, and Santa Rosa Islands. Although hiking off trail is permitted on the other islands, it is recommended that visitors use the designated shared road system. Before leaving the designated trail visitors should have experience in off-road hiking and navigation. Visitors should stay back from trails and should not rock climb in the cliffs and rock faces on any islands.

Remove your garbage.

Pack out what you pack in, including river garbage. When leaving your boat take trash, trash bags, and cans to all islands.

No pets.

Domestic house pets can carry diseases that could harm the rare island life or other animals that are unique to the islands. Service animals require a permit from the park superintendent.

No campfires or charcoal fires.

Due to extreme fire danger, no campfires or charcoal fires are permitted on the islands. Fire only allowed for competitive hunting.

Smoking allowed only on beaches.

Please take appropriate care of the beach with your own trash.

No fishing within Marine Reserves.

Marine Protected Areas, including Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas, are found throughout the park, on the seafloor, and in the water. Within these areas it is unlawful to take, damage, take or possess any living organism, or natural or cultural resource. Limited harvest is allowed in Marine Conservation areas. Please see park's necessary and state publications for specific regulations.

Be aware of boat departure times.

When departing the islands, visitors are responsible for meeting the boat commitment on time. Ask the ranger at the dock for departure times.

What You Can't Take

Help protect your park by making sure that you are not bringing any of the items below to the island. This effort will help prevent the introduction of non-native species, protect native species and ecosystems, and reduce safety risks.



Soil or seeds
Clean and inspect clothing and gear. Use provided boot brushes.



Pets



Live or potted plants



Tools or equipment with attached soil



Cut flowers



Motorized vehicles



Firewood or any untreated, unfinished wood (including hiking sticks)



Bicycles



Corrugated boxes

